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## One of Two Men Accused of Stealing Copper from LA City Councilman Bernard Parks' Office Expected in Court

One of two men accused of stealing as much as \$50,000 in brass and copper from the exteriors of more than a dozen Los Angeles city buildings – including the field office of Councilman Bernard Parks – is expected to be arraigned tomorrow morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Alejandro Bonilla, 18, (dob 1/27/95) is due to appear at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30.

Bonilla is charged with 14 counts of grand theft of personal property, while co-defendant Leeric Jones, 19, (dob 6/28/93) faces 12 counts of grand theft.

The men are charged in case BA411408. Jones, who was arraigned May 17, pleaded not guilty to the charges. His next court date is July 9 for preliminary hearing in the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 34.

The alleged thefts occurred between Feb. 1 and May 6, 2013. The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

If convicted as charged, Bonilla faces a maximum county jail term of 11 years, eight months. Jones could be sentenced to a maximum county jail term of 10 years, four months.

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